



LITHUANIA



INTRODUCTION

Lithuanian lands were united in 1236. Over the next century, through alliances and conquest, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. Lithuania was annexed by the USSR in 1940. On 11 March 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Gitanas NAUSEDA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ingrida SIMONYTE

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Vilnius

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Seimas (141 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 65,300 sq km

Land: 62,680 sq km

Water: 2,620 sq km

Climate

transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers

Natural Resources

peat, arable land, amber

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, EU-member, largest Baltic economy; privatized most state-owned enterprises; unmoved youth emigration; systemic corruption; issued Europe's first bank-backed digital coin (LBCOIN); highly educated workforce; lowest EU household debt

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$102.7 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$36,700 (2020 est.)

Industries - metal-cutting machine tools, electric motors, televisions, refrigerators/freezers, petroleum refining, shipbuilding, furniture, textiles, food processing, fertilizer, agricultural machinery, optical equipment, lasers, electronic components

Agricultural products - wheat, milk, sugar beets, rapeseed, barley, triticale, potatoes, oats, peas, beans

Exports \$41.48 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, furniture, cigarettes, wheat, polyethylene (2019)

partners: Russia 13%, Latvia 9%, Poland 8%, Germany 7%, Estonia 5% (2019)

Imports \$36.06 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, refined petroleum, electricity (2019)

partners: Poland 12%, Russia 12%, Germany 12%, Latvia 7%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.7 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-1.04% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Lithuanian 84.1%, Polish 6.6%, Russian 5.8%, Belarusian 1.2%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.2% (2011 est.)

Language

Lithuanian (official) 82%, Russian 8%, Polish 5.6%, other 0.9%, unspecified 3.5% (2011 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 77.2%, Russian Orthodox 4.1%, Old Believer 0.8%, Evangelical Lutheran 0.6%, Evangelical Reformist 0.2%, other (including Sunni Muslim, Jewish, Greek Catholic, and Karaite) 0.8%, none 6.1%, unspecified 10.1% (2011 est.)

